

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 29 November 2002
Name of applicant/court: Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Swapfile.jpg
Other Known Title(s): Not stated
Director(s): Not Applicable
Producer(s): Not Applicable
Publisher: Not Applicable
Author(s): Not Applicable
Format: Computer Printout
Country of Origin: Not Stated
Language(s): English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:
Trailers: Running time:
Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer image file entitled *Swapfile.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The computer printout contains a colour photographic image that shows an obviously pre-pubescent boy, who is naked, posed in a sexually inviting position with his genitalia clearly visible and focused upon.

The computer printout promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes by encouraging the viewer to be sexually aroused by a child, and implicitly presents children as sexually desirable and viable sexual partners.

The computer printout meets criteria under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, and is therefore deemed to be objectionable. A classification of objectionable places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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